Constitutional immunity for C.A.G.

1145. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Comptroller and Auditor General of India has suggested constitutional immunity for C.A.G.;

(b) if so, whether Government have accepted this suggestion; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE FINANCE MINISTER (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) No such suggestion has been received in this Ministry from the Comptroller and Auditor General of India.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Income tax raids in the country

1146. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of income tax raids conducted during the financial year 1988-89;

(b) out of these what is the number of cases in which incriminatory documents or unaccounted money have been recovered;

(c) how many cases are in dispute out of the above,

(d) how many cases have been fully disposed of and what is the total revenue that accrued to Government from the disposed of cases of raids relating to the financial year 1988-89; and

(e) what is the total cost incurred in conducting raids for income tax violation during the financial year 1988-89?

THE FINANCE MINISTER (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) The Income-tax Department conducted 7505 searches during the financial year 1988-89.

(b) In 7214 searches incriminating documents and or unaccounted assets were seized.

(c) and (d) The information sought for can be gathered only after the verification of individual records of the search cases spread all over the country. In view of the very large number of searches conducted, the gathering of information involves a long and strenuous exercise. The effort and time put in may not be commensurate with the result.

(e) The information is not available, as there is no separate account kept with regard to the cost incurred on searches alone.

Raids Conducted under FERA

1147. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of raids conducted under FERA during 1988-89;

(b) in how many cases out of these incriminatory documents unaccounted money has been recovered;

(c) how many cases are in dispute out of the above;

(d) how many cases have been fully disposed of and what is the amount realised by Goverment thereby during the above period; and

(e) what is the total expenditure incurred in conducting such raids during the above period?

THE FINANCE MINISTER (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) to (d) The Directorate of Enforcement (FERA) had conducted 3363 searches, during the year 1988-89. Out of these, 2192 searches resulted in the seizure of Indian currency and foreign currency besides documents. During the same period, the Directorate had initiated adjudication proceedings in 5077 cases by issue of show cause notices for violation of various provisions of the FERA and 5455 show cause notices including earlier notices were adjudicated which resulted in imposition of penalties